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GUEST
STAR
OF THIS
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MIGHTY
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THE SOMEWHAT
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BLAMED DIFFERENT,
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HAH! I HAVE FOUND HIM! HE IS THE ONE MAN WHO CAN HELP ME TO DEFEAT MY DESPISED ARCH-ENEMY, **THOR**, THE THUNDER GOD!



THOUGH I AM COMPELLED TO REMAIN A PRISONER HERE IN ASGARD, BY DIRECT COMMAND OF **ODIN** HIMSELF, I SHALL **STILL** FIND A WAY TO ACHIEVE MY AIM!



"I SHALL DECEIVE DR. STRANGE! AFTER ALL, HE IS MERELY A HUMAN, WHILE I AM **LOKI**, GOD OF MISCHIEF, PRINCE OF EVIL! I SHALL TRICK DR. STRANGE INTO STEALING **THOR'S** ACCURSED HAMMER—THUS, ODIN WILL NEVER KNOW THAT I AM THE REAL CULPRIT!"



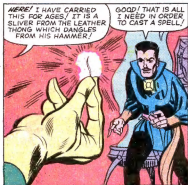
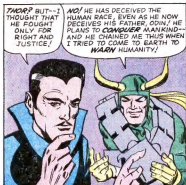
IT IS A SIMPLE MATTER FOR ME TO SEND A **SPIRIT TYPE** BODY TO EARTH, IN ORDER TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE UNWITTING MORTAL WHO SHALL SOON SERVE ME!



AND SO IT COMES TO PASS THAT A STARTLING FIGURE SUDDENLY APPEARS BEFORE THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS...

I AM **LOKI**!! THE EVIL **THOR** HAS PUT ME IN CHAINS AS YOU CAN SEE! I NEED YOUR **HELP**, MORTAL ONE!





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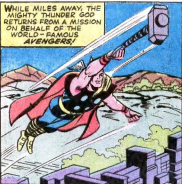


SLOWLY, MYSTICALLY, THE HAND TURNS INTO A DIAMOND-HARD METALLIC SUBSTANCE, MOVING UNDER THE MENTAL CONTROL OF THE UNCANNY DR. STRANGE...



HE'S DONE IT! THAT HAND WILL GET THE HAMMER FOR ME!

WHILE MILES AWAY, THE MIGHTY THUNDER GOD RETURNS FROM A MISSION ON BEHALF OF THE WORLD-FAMOUS AVENGERS!



THEN, SUDDENLY...



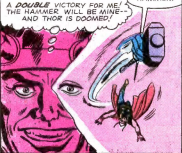
WHAT EVIL WIZARDRY IS THIS??!

A HAND FROM NOWHERE-- SEIZING MY ENCHANTED Mallet!!

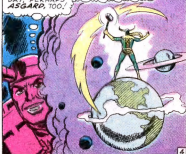
WHILE LOKI VIEWS THE SCENE BY SUPERNATURAL MEANS OF HIS OWN...

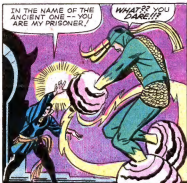
A DOUBLE VICTORY FOR ME! THE HAMMER WILL BE MINE-- AND THOR IS DOOMED!

I CANNOT FLY WITH- OUT MY HAMMER!



ARMED WITH THE HAMMER OF THOR, AND WITH MY OWN POWERS, EARTH WILL BE MINE TO RULE!! AND THEN, SOME DAY, PERHAPS ASGARD, TOO!





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WITH THE BURNING BEAM
OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!



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BEAM GLOW EVEN BRIGHTER--
LET IT GO FORTH TO THE
LIMIT OF ITS POWER--AT THE
COMMAND OF DR. STRANGE!!!



LOKI'S CAGE IS SHATTERED!!
I KNOW THAT NO CREATION
OF EVIL COULD WITHSTAND
THE LIGHT OF MY CHARMED
AMULET!!

BLAST
YOU,
MORTAL!
I'LL GET
YOU YET!



YOU ARE WELCOME TO TRY, EVIL ONE!
PROVIDED YOU CAN TELL WHICH OF
US IS THE LIVING DR. STRANGE!

HAH! YOU THINK
TO FOIL LOKI
WITH SO SIMPLE
AN ILLUSION?



I NEED NOT
FIND THE REAL
FIGURE OF YOU!
I'VE POWER
ENOUGH TO
DESTROY ALL
AT ONCE!

THERE! WHAT DOES IT MATTER
WHICH OF YOU IS GENUINE??
I'VE JUST DEFEATED ALL OF
YOU!

LOKI IS SO **SURE** OF HIMSELF--SO OVERCONFIDENT, THAT IT NEVER OCCURRED TO HIM **ANYONE** OF THOSE FIGURES WERE REALLY ME! HE DOESN'T SUSPECT THAT I'M NEXT DOOR--REVERTING TO MY **ECTOPLASMIC FORM**...



NOW I MUST MOVE QUICKLY! ONLY WITH UNEXPECTED SPEED CAN I HOPE TO DEFEAT SO AWESOME A FOE!

ALL THE FIGURES HAVE FADED AWAY!! BUT-- BUT HOW CAN THAT **BE**? WHICH WAS THE **REAL** DR. STRANGE??

LOOK **BEHIND** YOU, EVIL ONE! THE BATTLE HAS BEEN **LOST**!



YOU! BUT-- HOW--??

NOW-- WHILE I CAN SEE HIS **EYES**!

HAMMER OF THOR, RETURN TO YOUR MASTER! THOUGH HE WAS FALLING, **YOU** TRAVEL FASTER!



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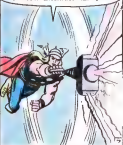


...AND TIME SPINS BACK, BACK, BACK... UNTIL, BEFORE THOR'S FALL IS FINISHED...

MY **HAMMER** HAS RETURNED!



ONLY A FORM OF **ENCHANTMENT** COULD HAVE WRESTED IT FROM ME! BUT NOW, BY THE **MAGIC** URU POWER IT CONTAINS, IT WILL LEAD ME TO THE **SOURCE** OF THAT ENCHANTMENT!



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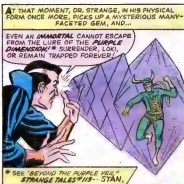
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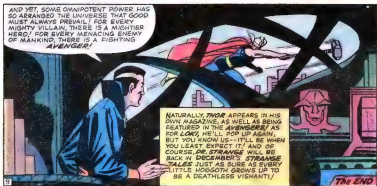
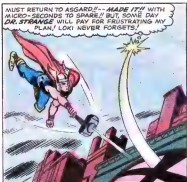
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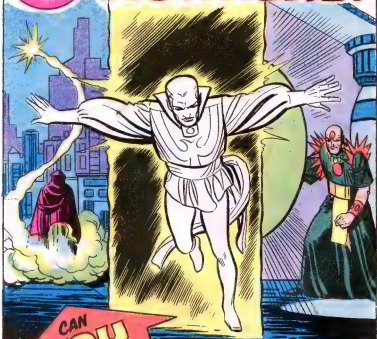




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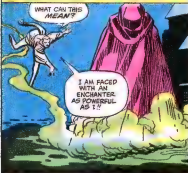


CAN MY EYES DECEIVE ME? THERE IS A HINT OF SORCERY LURKING BELOW!!

I MUST TRACE THIS MYSTIC VAPOR... FOLLOW IT TO ITS SOURCE! I MUST LEARN WHAT IT SIGNIFIES!



AND THEN, BEFORE THE STARTLED EYES OF DR. STRANGE, A FIGURE TAKES SHAPE, SLOWLY, MAGICALLY...



WHAT CAN THIS MEAN?

I AM FACED WITH AN ENCHANTER AS POWERFUL AS I!

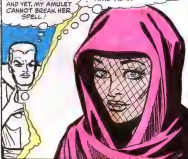
IT IS A GIRL! BUT I CAN SENSE THAT SHE IS NOT THE SOURCE OF THE MAGIC! SHE IS MERELY ITS VICTIM!!



SHE SEEMS CONFUSED... HELPLESS! SHE IS CAUGHT IN A SPELL WHICH SHE CANNOT BREAK!

IT IS MY SACRED DUTY TO HELP ALL WHO ARE MENACED BY MAGICAL CHARMS! AND YET, MY AMULET CANNOT BREAK HER SPELL!

I MUST TRULY BE OPPOSING A PRACTITIONER WHO IS AS WELL VERSED IN THE MYSTIC ARTS AS I!



AND THEN, PLACING A VEIL OF INVISIBILITY TO MORTAL EYES ABOUT THE TWO OF THEM, DR. STRANGE GENTLY GUIDES THE TROUBLED GIRL TOWARDS HIS OWN GREENWICH VILLAGE LABORATORY...



ONCE BACK IN MY STUDY, I CAN RETURN TO MY PHYSICAL SELF AND FIND SOME WAY TO AID THIS BEWITCHED CREATURE!

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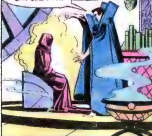
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SO STRONG IS THE SPELL SHE IS UNDER, THAT NONE OF MY CHANTS CAN BREAK IT!!



BUT SHE *MUST* BE AIDED! I CALL UPON THE INNER EYE OF MY ENCHANTED AMULET TO RISE... TO HEED MY COMMANDS!



LET IT BECOME ONE WITH MY OWN SENSES! LET IT PEER DEEP INTO THE MIND OF THE ONE WHO SITS BEFORE ME... LET IT PIERCE THE CURTAIN OF FOG AROUND HER BRAIN!!



AND THEN, AS THE POWERFUL AMULET RADIATES WITH AN UNEARTHLY GLOW, BATHING THE CHAMBER WITH MAGICAL LIGHT...

THIS IS FAR MORE INCREDIBLE THAN I GUESSED!



ONCE AGAIN, I MUST ASSUME MY ECTOPLASMIC FORM... FOR THE TIME HAS COME TO MAKE A JOURNEY HALF-WAY AROUND THE WORLD!



FOR THOSE FEW OF YOU WHO ARE UNVERSE IN THE WAYS OF THE MYSTIC ARTS, A SORCERER TRAVELING IN HIS ECTOPLASMIC FORM, MAY REACH ANY SPOT IN SECONDS... FOR HE IS NOT BOUND TO ORDINARY NATURAL LAWS OF TIME OR MOTION...

THERE IS THE PLACE I SEEK... THE CASTLE OF THE ANCIENT ONE!



AND THERE, ON THE HIGHEST HILL IN TIBET, DR. STRANGE SPEAKS WITH HIS VENERABLE MASTER, THE LEARNED ANCIENT ONE, WHO HAS TAUGHT HIM ALL HE KNOWS OF THE ART OF SORCERY!

YOUR TALE INTERESTS ME, MY SON! BUT FOR THE ANSWER YOU SEEK, YOU MUST LEAVE THIS AGE AND JOURNEY BACK... BACK INTO ENDLESS TIME!

I, TOO, FELT THE ANSWER MUST LIE SOMEWHERE IN THE PAST! I CRAVE PERMISSION TO JOURNEY BACK THROUGH THE YEARS, NOBLE MASTER!



PERMISSION GRANTED, MY SON! BUT YOU MUST HAVE A CARE! MY HAND SHALL BE UNABLE TO REACH OUT THROUGH THE YEARS TO HELP YOU! YOU WILL BE TRULY ON YOUR OWN!

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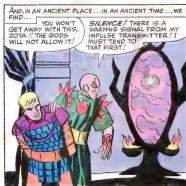


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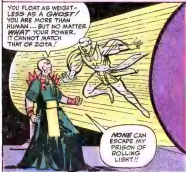
I HAVE REACHED THE END OF THE TRAIL... BUT WHAT UNEXPECTED DANGERS CAN BE AWAITING ME HERE?



BUT DR. STRANGE IS NOT JUST ANY MAN!

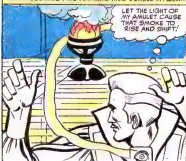
YOU FLOAT AS WEIGHTLESS AS A GHOST! YOU ARE MORE THAN HUMAN... BUT NO MATTER WHAT YOUR POWER, IT CANNOT MATCH THAT OF ZOTA!

NONE CAN ESCAPE MY PRISON OF ROLLING LIGHT!!



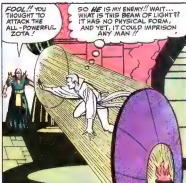
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LET THE LIGHT OF MY AMULET CAUSE THAT SMOKE TO RISE AND SHIFT!



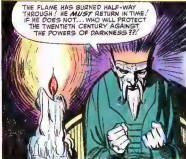
FOOL!! YOU THOUGHT TO ATTACK THE ALL-POWERFUL ZOTA!

SO HE IS MY ENEMY!! WAIT... WHAT IS THIS BEAM OF LIGHT? IT HAS NO PHYSICAL FORM, AND YET, IT COULD IMPRISON ANY MAN!!



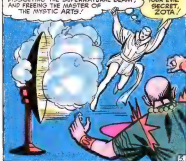
MEANTIME, BACK IN TIBET, THE AGED ANCIENT ONE WATCHES THE MYSTIC CANDLE BURN, AS THE PREVIOUS SECONDS TICK BY...

THE FLAME HAS BURNED HALF-WAY THROUGH! HE MUST RETURN IN TIME! IF HE DOES NOT... WHO WILL PROTECT THE TWENTIETH CENTURY AGAINST THE POWERS OF DARKNESS??!

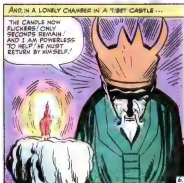
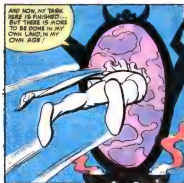


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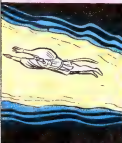
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MEANTIME, THE MASTER SORCERER TRAVELS ALONG A PATH WHICH NO NORMAL HUMAN COULD SEE OR TOUCH! ...A PATH ILLUMINATED AND HELD IN POSITION BY THE SHEER MENTAL POWER OF THE MYSTICAL ANCIENT ONE!



BUT, EVEN THE WISEST OF WIZARDS CANNOT DELAY THE FLICKERING OF THE ENCHANTED CANDLE! AND, DESPITE THE SPEED OF DOCTOR STRANGE... DESPITE THE MENTAL POWER OF THE ALL-KNOWING ANCIENT ONE... THE CANDLE FLICKERS ITS LAST... AND DIES OUT!



IT IS TOO LATE! HE WAS NOT RETURNED! I CAN CONJURE UP THE SPIRIT PATH FOR HIM NO LONGER! HE IS TRAPPED FOREVER, IN THE AGELESS PAST!



BUT, THOUGH NOT AS STRONG AS THAT OF THE ANCIENT ONE, DR. STRANGE, TOO, HAS A BRAIN WHICH CAN ACCOMPLISH THE SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE! ALTHOUGH THE PATH BEGINS TO VANISH, LIKE DARKNESS IN THE DAWN, HE BRINGS HIS OWN WILL INTO PLAY!



BY THE SHADES OF THE SERAPHIM... I FORBID THE DARKNESS TO CLOSE IN!

THE LIGHT MUST REMAIN! BY THE SEVEN RINGS OF RAGGEDOR, I MUST FOLLOW THE ENCHANTED PATH JUST A FEW SECONDS LONGER!



BUT DESPITE HIS COURAGE, HIS INDOMITABLE WILL, THE TASK PROVES TOO MUCH FOR THE MASTER MAGICIAN...

THE LIGHT IS FADING AGAIN... ONLY A SLIVER REMAINS... AND NOW, THAT TOO IS VANISHING!



WITHOUT THE MYSTICAL PATH OF LIGHT, THERE IS NO WAY FOR HIM EVER TO RETURN! HAVE I TRAINED HIM SO LONG... HAVE I TAUGHT HIM SO MUCH... HAVE I LOVED HIM SO DEEPLY... ONLY TO LOSE HIM NOW?? ...SO SUDDENLY... SO SENSELESSLY!



MY LIMBS ARE OLD... MY POWERS FADING! I NEEDED HIM! I NEEDED THE KNOWLEDGE THAT ONE DAY HE WOULD TAKE MY PLACE, TO KEEP THE FLAME OF ENCHANTMENT ALIVE! BUT NOW... IT IS OVER! IT WAS ALL IN VAIN! ALL FOR NAUGHT!



AND, EVEN AS THE ANCIENT ONE REPROACHES HIMSELF, DR. STRANGE FLOATS WEIGHTLESSLY, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN LIMBO AND THE SHADY ENDLESS PAST!



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A GARGANTUAN GALLERY OF GARULOUS GOINGS-ON GUARANTEED TO BARNER YOUR GRATITUDE!

ITAN WEIN SOURCE

It's time to wish Marvelous Mary Wolfman lotsa luck as he takes over the editorship of our color comics from Len Wein. As for ol' Len, he'll be serving as consulting editor, to give him more time for scrip-writing, as in the case of Editor Emeritus Ray Thomas about a year ago, remember? And Amiable Archie Goodwin says we shouldn't worry about the black-and-white mag 'cause he'll be handling them in the usual maniacal Marvel manner—whatever that means!

Now, here's some zippy news for all you True Believers who shop 7-ELEVEN. All summer long, more than 5,000 7-ELEVEN neighborhood stores are featuring 60 great Marvel superheroes and villains on their famous Sturpee cups. Yea, you get a new, Marvel-designed, full-color collector's cup every time you buy a Sturpee drink! (And if one of the cups shows a woebegone wretch in a scraggly moustache, it's not a mistake. Some wise guy slipped in a drawing of me—in a superhero suit! But don't worry—they won't charge you extra for it!)

Next, a couple of personal notes. I just wanna say "Hi" to Terrific Terry Gilliam and the other cataclysmic cutups of MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS. (How many of you recognized ol' Terry when we were sitting together swapping ribald ripostes at last Easter's Mighty Marvel Con?) Also, another "Hi" to Angelic Angela Bowie, and her hilariously talented hubby, Dashiin' David Bowie. The three of us are planning a real far-out surprise for Marveldom Assembled, if we can ever get together long enough to nail it down! In fact, if you latch onto some of the issues of our latest smash publication, CELEBRITY, you'll be seeing Terry, Angela, David, and a whole kaboodle of other headliners who fill our little world with so much fun and excitement.

And now I leave you with the immortal words of Irving Berlin: "It's time to take a stroll to town!" (But only if he's got a credit card!)

Excelsior!

Stan

When we waged the good fight against SPORTS ILLUSTRATED or TIME MAGAZINE (you can't win 'em all, Irvy), but we did beat JOHN R. WILEY & SONS by a sense-shattering score of 18 to 7. The Marvel madmen were in great form that day. Stay tuned, fans—and we'll keep you posted on our favorite softball team's pulse-pounding progress as the season rolls on!

ITEM! We've been struggling for months to produce the most itanic MARVEL TREASURY EDITIONS, a Marvelite could want and guess what? We've found we can't improve on a perfect product—all we can do is give you more! So, from now on, instead of having to wait two months between TREASURY EDITIONS, you can start hausting your newstand every thirty days—'cause we're introducing a new treasury-sized publication called MARVEL SPECIAL EDITION. The power-packed premiere features Spidey's greatest foes—from the Lizard to the Mole Man to the Sensational Sinister Six! And since these books come out in alternating months, just four weeks after the release of the wall-crawler's SPECIAL EDITION, you'll be able to find the greatest Avengers stories of all time in our seventh terrific MARVEL TREASURY EDITION. (And while you're at it, don't fail to pick up on our baker's dozen of GIANT-SIZE titles this summer, which'll be re-presenting classic adventures of the AVENGERS, CAPT. AMERICA, CAPT. MARVEL, CONAN, DAREDEVIL, DR. STRANGE, FANTASTIC FOUR, the Incredible HULK, IRON MAN, MASTER OF KUNG FU, POWER MAN, THOR, and the X-MEN. Whew! And if you hurry, you may still be able to grab a copy of QUEEN-SIZE MILLIE THE MODEL! Remember: 66 pages for 50¢! More Pages! More Thrills! And much more Magic from the folks who brought you Howard the Duck!

MARVEL MINI-ITEMS! (Or, "Everything You Wanted to Know About Marvel But Were Too Far Away to Ask!") To repeat ourselves from last month—welcome back, JACK KIRBY! We're not saying that the King's artwork and scripting on his triumphant return to CAPTAIN AMERICA were masterpieces, but when they arrived in the vermeil mail, it took all of Jumbo JOHN VERHOFFEN's vaunted might to pry his production staff away from them. We love ya, Jack—but we'll never get any work done this way! Speaking of welcoming back, say "Hi" to Incredible IRV WATANABE, letterer supreme, who's finally getting back into the business after too long an absence. Our humble Hawaiian goes back to some of the earliest FANTASTIC FOUR classics. Like we said, welcome back Irv—it's good to have you here with us again! Hey! Didja catch Dauntless DON MCGREGOR on WHBI-FM's "The Big Sim Power Hour Show"? Don appeared to discuss comics in general and to talk about his upcoming radio series—"Night Figure"—which will be presented each week on that station and is guaranteed to

bring back memories of those halcyon days of radio drama! (And if you think that's all Marvel's doing with the wireless, you just keep an eye on future Bullpen Bulletins!) Congrats to Jumping JIM MOONEY and his wife ANNE on the arrival of NOLLE, a bouncing baby girl. Nolle hasn't started penciling yet, but you can be sure we'll sign her up the moment she does! Has anybody seen STEVE GERBER? Since he finished editing the special "Panacea" issue of CRAZY MAGAZINE, he's been hiding out from MARV WOLFGMAN and the rest of the crew. Talk about getting into one's work! Lively LEN WEIN is getting into the scripting side of things since descending from his editorial throne. Look for his amazing authorial touch on IRON MAN and THOR in the months to come! (Not to mention a couple of minor titles called SPIDER-MAN and the HULK!) Big news for Golden Avengers fans! After years of drawing the HULK for us, Happy HERB TRIMPE will be switching over to IRON MAN! It seems Herb wanted some relief from all those issues of green, and more green, and even more green. Now if we could only figure out what to do with a certain jade giant who's been sulking around the office ever since! And how about a quick welcome for the newest editors of our bombastic line of British weeklies: Daboolical DUFFY VOHLAND and Mischievous MICHELE BRAND. (A quick welcome is really all they have time for—what with seven weeklies now in production from their overworked department!) Some True Believers who have been favored with responses to their "littin' letters" have been wondering exactly who it is that takes time out to write those mighty missives. Well, say "Hello" to Bouncing BONNIE SMITH, whose Olympian task it is to read and sort that ton of gnail which arrives at 575 Madison Avenue every day. Bonnie is taking over for Meticulous MICHELE WOLFGMAN, who is currently pursuing a promising career as Marvel's latest—possibly greatest—colorist! Best wishes to both of these Bullpen beauties! Congrats to TONY (the Tiger) ISABELLA, not only for breaking his leg on Marvel's behalf during the famed softball game against WILEY, but for rejoining our sensational staff and becoming engaged to Beautiful BABS KEPKE, all in the same month. We know she's too good for you, but what else is new? Impish IRENE VARTANOFF, Sparklin' SCOTT EDELMAN, and Roguish ROGER SIFER didn't do anything this go-round, but they threatened to attack us if we didn't mention them!

MARVEL!
WE'RE NUMBER ONE--
BUT WE *STILL* TRY HARDER!

ITEM! While the rest of you are frolicking in mid-Summer, thanks to the time-warp involved in printing these mags, your bold Bullpen Buddies are just getting into the pursuits of Spinnin', sunshine, and (ta da!) SOFTBALL! Once again, we've fearlessly challenged a host of the city's major publishing houses to compete on the field of honor in fast and furious softball action. We're not gonna say how we fared

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...BUT SUDDENLY...

KEEP AWAY, HULK NO LIKE PEOPLE.

IT'S THE HULK!

IT'S OKAY, HULK. WE'LL HELP YOU!



YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT, HULK. HERE, HAVE A HOSTESS FRUIT PIE.

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HULK HAPPY NOW. HULK THANKS BOYS.



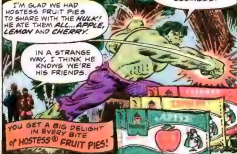
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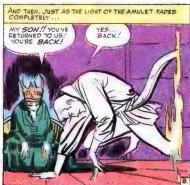
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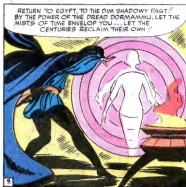
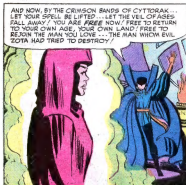
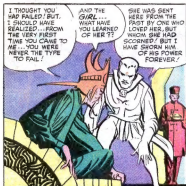
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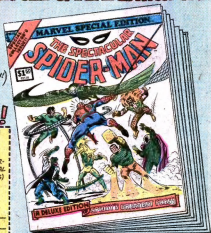
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